



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Steven Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and Toxic Epidermal Neurolysis (TEN) are severe adverse reactions to medication; and

WHEREAS, more than two million Americans are hospitalized each year with Steven Johnson Syndrome, and more than 140,000 of these die as a result of the illness; and

WHEREAS, almost any medication-even over- the counter drugs can cause SJS; and

WHEREAS, the large portion of SJS victims are children although the illness does not discriminate based on age, race, or gender; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the early symptoms of SJS and prompt medical attention are the most valuable tools in minimizing possible long-term effects SJS may have on its victims; and

WHEREAS, by raising public awareness of SJS, the State of Louisiana seeks to minimize the devastating effects of the illness among all Louisianans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim August 2004, as

STEVENS JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 12th day of August
A.D., 2004.*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana